

purifies all; she represses no element in our nature, but cultivates the whole." Under her guidance everything is made to serve a higher end, the end of man,—God's eternal glory.



Haledictory

James McGaughey, '40

In the presence of a welcome audience, of parents, relatives, and friends, St. Dunstan's gladly, but yet with a feeling of sadness, imparts to the members of the graduating class her last words of advice—advice always founded on sound judgement and long experience. Realizing the need for Christian leaders throughout the world today, she rejoices in having made ready her graduates to go forth, as a great educator has said "not as the youth of medieval times, clothed in steel and armed with shield and sword to rescue the holy places from the hands of the infidel, but upon an equally perilous mission, armed no longer with material weapons, but with armored souls, disciplined by truth and virtue, to rescue invisible sanctuaries of mind and heart from the prince of darkness". Entertaining a feeling of love for her sons almost equal to that of a mother for her child, and knowing full well the trials and difficulties which they will meet in life, St. Dunstan's shares with us that note of sadness which tinges the joy so much in evidence today.

Today is our day; today we stand on the threshold of a new life; tomorrow we wend our way to that ship upon which we must embark for life's dangerous and storm-tossed voyage. What a different life will be ours henceforth. From the life free from worldly responsibilities, the life of peace and happiness which we shared in our homes, at school, and for the past four years under the tender care of our Alma Mater, we pass into a world where peace and happiness exist only in the soul, and then only when we bear our responsibilities in a truly Christian manner.

It is our duty as true sons of St. Dunstan's to live our lives according to those Christian principles which have been so firmly implanted in our minds during the years that we have spent within her walls, and to teach them to

others both by word and by example. If we fail to live up to these standards, we have only ourselves to blame; in no way can we attribute our failures to St. Dunstan's, for she has always striven to impart only that knowledge which is supported by the pillars of Christian wisdom.

At St. Dunstan's, students are instructed morally, intellectually, and physically as a preparation for their future lives, both in this world and in the next. Faith and knowledge form the bulwark of her teaching, and one is compatible with the other. "*Ex eodem fonte fides et scientia*"—from the same source come faith and knowledge. In the peace and quiet of the chapel we learn to submit our difficulties, both spiritual and temporal, to God, the most tender Friend of mankind, yet, sad to say, a Friend who, in this present-day world, is being more and more ignored. In the classroom are instilled into the minds those truths which must determine our actions if we hope to meet with true success in this world.

Realizing that the mission of a Catholic college is not only to instruct the youth who enter her halls in secular knowledge but also to give an understanding of the true values of life, St. Dunstan's emphasizes the courses in philosophy and religion. In the world about us such a training is greatly needed, for we find countless numbers of people who believe that the only principles of concern are those which pertain to their material welfare, who entirely reject the existence of God, and who believe that success is measured only by money and power. As graduates of a Catholic college we should have some understanding of the real meaning of life, and we should make a sincere effort to convince these people that they are being misled by false theories which will compass their destruction. As the Hon. David I. Walsh, a senator of Massachusetts, stated in a speech at the Holy Cross College Banquet: "All systems of philosophy giving the youth a doubt of the Almighty and teaching him to regard the accumulation of wealth and the attainment of social prominence as the ultimate end of life have greatly and harmfully influenced the trend of the nation's thinking".

Perceiving the truth of the old proverb, "*Mens sana in corpore sano*"—a sound mind in a sound body,—St. Dunstan's not only provides for the moral welfare of her students but also stresses their intellectual and physical training. Through the medium of a curriculum which gives

due consideration to modern sciences and which recognizes the great value of the classics, the mind of the student becomes more and more matured. On the campus the body is developed by the sports which serve as a means of recreation, and which foster a true spirit of loyalty and sportsmanship, both of which are necessary for true citizenship.

Thus, for the past four years we have been nourished under the vigilant and maternal care of St. Dunstan's. Today at the Annual Commencement Exercises, our Alma Mater gives us her final blessing, and sends us forth to take our places among our fellow-men, with the firm hope and trust that our future endeavours will bear abundant fruit. And now the time has come when we must say, "farewell".

To you, Right Reverend Rector, and to the members of the Faculty, we express our heartfelt gratitude for all that you have done for us during the years that we were intrusted to your loving and paternal care. We realize now the great responsibility which was yours during that time. Henceforth that responsibility must be borne by us. May God protect, strengthen, and guide you in the continuation of your work, and may it always be crowned with the greatest success. Farewell.

Fellow-students: Today you are watching another class stepping into the ranks of the Alumni. Tomorrow most of you will go to your respective homes to spend a pleasant vacation with your parents and friends, and will return to college next fall with renewed vigor, eagerly looking forward to the day when you will be occupying these places. Wherever you may be, always uphold the honor of your class and of your school. Hold sacred the trust which St. Dunstan's places in you, and always live up to her teachings. While you are students here, take advantage of every opportunity offered you, and if you are faithful in this, you will be assured of happiness and success in future life. Farewell.

Classmates: During the years which we have spent at St. Dunstan's, we have lived and grown to manhood together; but now our paths diverge. Whatever our special calling in life may be, let us always be faithful to our Alma Mater. As our parting message we borrow the words of the Hon. David I. Walsh: "God preserve our freshness of heart and soul and our strength for the

unforeseen and arduous tasks before us as we go forth in a drab and gloomy world that offers fewer opportunities for our personal and professional progress than ever before. With us rests the responsibility of teaching brotherly love, racial and religious tolerance, and of inculcating and strengthening them in the hearts of men and women. Religion alone trains, softens, stimulates and promotes the great virtues of the heart—love, justice, equality, and charity. These are the virtues that command us to stand for the oppressed against the oppressor, the weak against the strong, the true against the false, and to keep the youth inspired to fight for the preservation and protection of democracy." Until we meet again, "farewell".



Authority, though it err like others, hath yet a kind of medicine in itself, that skins the vice off the top.

—*Shakespeare*

If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches, and poor men's cottages princes palaces.

—*Shakespeare*

Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned.

—*Holmes*

Diligence is the mother of good luck.

—*Franklin*

Whatsoever is obtained by deceit cheats no man but the getter.

The Ideal Life is only the normal of natural life as we shall some day know it.

—*Hubbard*